(b) if so, the steps being taken to put them in order and replace the exchanges into electronic ones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir. All the telephones operating through small exchanges are working satisfactory.

(b) Does not arise, as all the small exchanges are already converted into Electronic Exchanges.

Supply of CNG to Industrial Units of Agra

152. SHRI K.M. KHAN:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gas Authority of India Limited had finalised the details about the supply of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) to industrial units in Agra city;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) is planned to be supplied to vehicles in Agra city. Two outlets have been identified for dispensing CNG. Natural Gas is also Planned to be supplied to industries in Agra and Ferozabad area through a distribution net-work 0.6 MMSCMD has been allocated for the above purpose.

मध्य प्रदेश में बेतवा नदी हेतु आवंटन

153. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार ने मध्य प्रदेश में बेतवा नदी के शुद्धिकरण हेतु मध्य प्रदेश सरकार को कोई धनराशि उपलब्ध कराई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसे कब तक प्रदान / जारी किए जाने की संभावना है और धनराशि को प्रदान / जारी करने में विलम्ब होने के क्या कारण हैं?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट): मध्य प्रदेश में मण्डीदीप, भोपाल और विदिशा में बेतवा नदी के प्रदूषण निवारण कार्यों के लिए प्रस्तावों को 908.48 लाख रुपये की लागत पर अनुमोदित कर दिया गया है। राज्य सरकार को इस कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत शुरू की जाने वाली स्कीमों की विस्तृत परियोजना रिपोर्टें तैयार करने के लिए 11.50 लाख रुपये की राशि जारी की गई है। राज्य सरकार को और राशि विस्तृत परियोजना रिपोर्टें प्राप्त होने तथा उनका अनुमोदन होने पर जारी की जाएगी।

Parallel Marketing Programme for LPG and Kerosene

154. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any review on the implementation of parallel marketing programme for LPG and Kerosene;

(b) if so, the state-wise review made in that regard; and

(c) to what extent success has been achieved under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) In February, 1993, Government allowed the private agencies to import and market Kerosene and LPG by setting up/using theirs own infrastructure and distribution network at market determined prices under their own terms. Some reports have come to the notice of the Government about the malpractices by the parallel marketeers of kerosene and LPG. The State and Union Territory Governments have been advised to ban collection of deposits by parallel marketeers without their making adequate arrangements for supply of

these products. Besides, they have also been advised to verify the genuineness, antecedents and capabilities of persons/agencies intending to take up activities under the parallel marketing system and to take appropriate action against persons who have been found indulging in fraudulent and unfair trade practices. Public have also been suitably advised and warned through press releases that they must find out the antecedents, genuineness and capabilities of concerned parallel marketeers before entering into any transaction with them. MRTP Commission also takes action against persons/firms/companies indulging in unfair trade practices. Further, in order to protect their interests and to educate the prospective customers and distributors, etc. about the genuineness and capabilities of the parallel marketeers, a system of rating of parallel marketeers for evaluation of their capabilities, infrastructure network and readiness to carry out professed business and deliver goods and services promised, has been introduced.

(c) The LPG and SKO imported by parallel marketeers during the last three years is as under:

Figures in TMT

	LPG	SKO
1993-94	7.1	102.6
1994-95	41.8	602.7
1995-96 (Apr.-Jan.)	51.5	576.6

State-wise figures are not maintained. M/s. Reliance Petroleum and M/s. SPIC have already commissioned their LPG import facilities at Hazira and Tuticorin respectively. Many other parties are in the process of developing their own import facilities for LPG.

Hike in administered prices of Petroleum products

155. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has recommended an immediate 15 to 40 percent hike in the administered prices of petroleum products; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

35th Telephone Adalat

156. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited propose to hold its 35th Telephone Adalat on 13th April, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof with formalities required for subscribers to participate in it;

(c) whether some time limit for repair of faulty connections have been prescribed by MTNL;

(d) whether some time limit for shifting of telephone connections from one exchange to another or within same exchange has also been prescribed by MTNL;

(e) whether the above cases can also be reported to Telephone Adalat in case time schedule is not adhered to by the officials of MTNL; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?